IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first seating surface and a second seating surface cincturing the first seating surface, the first seating surface defining a first seat body axis and the second seating surface defining a second body axis offset to the first seat body axis, the first and second seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane; and

a clapper being positioned to cooperate with the seat body, the clapper having a solid sealing surface that extends from the first seating surface to the second seating surface.

27. (Original) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 26, wherein the first and second seating surfaces comprise metallic seating surfaces, and wherein the clapper supports a unitary polymeric sealing member that forms first and second sealing surfaces, the first sealing surface defining a first axis, and the second sealing surface surrounding the first sealing surface to define a second axis offset to the first axis, the first and second sealing surface being respectively contiguous to the metallic first and second seating surfaces to prevent fluid flow through the seat body.

28. (Currently Amended) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having first and second seating surfaces disposed on the seat body; and

a clapper positioned to cooperate with the seat body;

a unitary sealing member disposed on the clapper, the unitary sealing member including a first sealing surface engaging the first seating surface and defining a first axis, and a second sealing surface cincturing the first sealing surface to define a second axis offset to the first axis, the clapper having a solid sealing surface that extends from the first seating surface to the second seating surface, the first and second sealing surfaces engaging the respective first and second seating surfaces to prevent fluid flow through the seat body.

29. (Original) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 28, wherein the first and second seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane, the first and second

seating surfaces being formed from a metallic material and the unitary sealing member being formed from a polymeric material.

30. (Currently Amended) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first metallic seating surface and a second metallic seating surface cincturing the first metallic seating surface;

a clapper positioned to cooperate with the seat body; and

a sealing member coupled to the clapper, the sealing member having first and second polymeric sealing surfaces, the first polymeric sealing surface defining a first axis and engaging the first metallic seating surface, the second polymeric sealing surface cincturing the first polymeric sealing surface to define a second axis offset from the first axis, the clapper having a solid sealing surface that extends from ~~from~~ the first seating surface to the second seating surface, the second polymeric sealing surface engaging the second metallic seating surface in one position of the clapper to prevent fluid flow through the seat body.

31. (Original) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 30, wherein the first and second metallic seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane, the first and second polymeric sealing surfaces being formed by a unitary member.

32. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly any one of claims 27, 29, or 31, wherein at least one of the first and second sealing surfaces comprises cantilevered lips extending oblique to one of the first and second axes.

33. (Original) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 32, wherein the clapper further comprises a retainer plate sandwiching the unitary sealing member between the clapper and the retainer plate.

34. (Original) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 32, wherein the clapper defines a first distance between the pivot axis and the first axis, and a second distance between the pivot axis and the second axis such that the second distance is less than about 1.8 times the first distance.

Claims 35-50 (Canceled).

51. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first seating surface and a second seating surface cincturing the first seating surface, the first seating surface defining a first seat body axis and the second seating surface defining a second body axis offset to the first seat body axis, the first and second seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane, the first and second seating surfaces includes metallic seating surfaces; and

a clapper being positioned to cooperate with the seat body, the clapper supports a unitary polymeric sealing member that forms first and second sealing surfaces, the first sealing surface defining a first axis, and the second sealing surface surrounding the first sealing surface to define a second axis offset to the first axis, the first and second sealing surface being respectively contiguous to the metallic first and second seating surfaces to prevent fluid flow through the seat body, and at least one of the first and second sealing surfaces includes cantilevered lips extending oblique to one of the first and second axes.

52. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having first and second seating surfaces disposed on the seat body, the first and second seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane; and

a clapper positioned to cooperate with the seat body;

a unitary sealing member disposed on the clapper, the unitary sealing member including a first sealing surface engaging the first seating surface and defining a first axis, and a second sealing surface cincturing the first sealing surface to define a second axis offset to the first axis, the first and second sealing surfaces engaging the respective first and second seating surfaces to prevent fluid flow through the seat body, the first and second seating surfaces being formed from a metallic material and the unitary sealing member being formed from a polymeric material, and at least one of the first and second sealing surfaces includes cantilevered lips extending oblique to one of the first and second axes.

53. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first metallic seating surface and a second metallic seating surface cincturing the first metallic seating surface, the first and second metallic seating surfaces being generally disposed on a common plane;

a clapper positioned to cooperate with the seat body; and

a sealing member having first and second polymeric sealing surfaces, the first polymeric sealing surface defining a first axis and engaging the first metallic seating surface, the second polymeric sealing surface cincturing the first polymeric sealing surface to define a second axis offset from the first axis, the second polymeric sealing surface engaging the second metallic seating surface in one position of the clapper to prevent fluid flow through the seat body, the first and second polymeric sealing surfaces being formed by a unitary member, and at least one of the first and second sealing surfaces including cantilevered lips extending oblique to one of the first and second axes.

54. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 51-53, wherein the clapper further comprises a retainer plate sandwiching the unitary sealing member between the clapper and the retainer plate.

55. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 51-53, wherein the clapper defines a first distance between the pivot axis and the first axis, and a second distance between the pivot axis and the second axis such that the second distance is less than about 1.8 times the first distance.

56. (Currently amended) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first seating surface and a second seating surface cincturing the first seating surface, the first seating surface defining a first seat body axis and the second seating surface defining a second body axis offset to the first seat body axis; and

a clapper being positioned to cooperate with the seat body, the clapper supports a polymeric sealing member that forms first and second sealing surfaces, the first sealing surface defining a first axis, and the second sealing surface surrounding the first sealing surface to define a second axis offset to the first axis, the first and second sealing surface being respectively contiguous to the first and second seating surfaces in one position of the clapper to prevent fluid flow through the seat body, the clapper having a solid sealing surface that extends between the first and the second seating surfaces.

57. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 56, wherein the clapper further comprises a retainer plate sandwiching the unitary sealing member between the clapper and the retainer plate.

58. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 56, wherein the clapper defines a first distance between the pivot axis and the first axis, and a second distance between the pivot axis and the second axis such that the second distance is less than about 1.8 times the first distance.

59. (Currently amended) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 28 [[~~and~~]] or 56, wherein the first and second sealing surfaces are spaced apart from the first and second seating surfaces at another position of the clapper to permit fluid flow through the seat body.

60. (Currently amended) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 26, 28, or 30, wherein the solid sealing surface of the clapper and the seat body form a chamber.

61. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 60, wherein the chamber comprises a recessed surface formed between the first and second seating surfaces.

62. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 61, wherein the chamber comprises at least a recessed surface of the seat body that circumscribes the first seating surface of the seat body.

63. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 62, wherein seat body comprises a drain port in communication with the chamber.

64. (Currently amended) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 51, 52, 53, or 56, wherein the clapper comprises a solid sealing surface that extends between the first and second seating surfaces.

65. (Currently amended) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 64, wherein the solid sealing surface of the clapper and the seat body comprises a chamber.

66. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 65, wherein the chamber comprises a recessed surface formed between the first and second seating surfaces.

67. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 66, wherein the chamber comprises at least a recessed surface of the seat body that circumscribes the first seating surface of the seat body.

68. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 67, wherein seat body comprises a drain port in communication with the chamber.

69. (Previously presented) The dry pipe valve sealing assembly of any one of claims 51, 52, 53, or 56, wherein at least one of the first and second sealing surface comprises cantilevered lips extending oblique to one of the first and second axes.

70. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 26.

71. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 28.

72. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 30.

73. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 32.

74. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 56.

75. (Previously presented) A dry pipe valve comprising a housing enclosing the dry pipe valve sealing assembly of claim 56.

Claims 76-87 (Canceled).

88. (Currently amended) A dry pipe valve sealing assembly comprising:

a seat body having a first seating surface and a second seating surface cincturing the first seating surface, the first seating surface defining a passage having a first seat body axis and the second seating surface defining a second body axis offset to the first seat body axis; and

a member that pivots about an axis between a first position to occlude a flow of fluid through the passage and a second position to permit a flow of fluid through the passage, the member having a first operative side having a first effective surface area and a second operative side having a second effective surface area less than five times a first effective surface area of the first operative side to occlude fluid flow through the passage, the second effective surface area having a solid sealing surface that extends between the first and second seating surfaces.